

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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THIRD READING

SB 658-59 (Stamas)

<u>Senate Bill 658</u> would create criminal penalties for a person who fails to stop at the scene of a watercraft accident resulting in serious injury or death. This bill is necessary to help deter and provide penalties for individuals that cause accidents on the waterways and flee the scene. The penalties in this bill mirror current penalties for fleeing the scene of a vehicle traffic accident with injuries.

- Committee 1 (2 amends) was adopted [no RC]. Effective date: 1/31/04.
- SB 658 was moved to 3rd Reading.

Senate Bill 659 would add the penalties created in SB 658 to the state's Sentencing Guidelines.

- Committee 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Effective date: 1/31/04.
- SB 659 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 718 (Cassis)

Senate Bill 718 allows a municipality to benefit from the tax advantages of the brownfield authority redevelopment financing act. Apparently, the city of Milford (in Sen. Cassis's district) is or was liable for creating a brownfield situation because of a dump the city partially owned 35 years ago. As such, it was a "party" that was not eligible for the property tax capture under the brownfield redevelopment financing act. This change allows the municipality to participate in the act, even if it was once a responsible party under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The land in question is currently owned by CSX railroad.

Support: Mi. Municipal League, Village of Milford, Township of Milford, Mi. Township Assoc.

• SB 718 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4360 (REEVES)

House Bill 4360 would prohibit a manager of a business that sells, rents, or distributes sexually explicit visual material that is harmful to minors from displaying that material, knowing its nature, unless the person does so in a restricted area. The Michigan Family Forum supports this bill. The American Civil Liberties Union opposes this bill.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4360 was moved to 3rd Reading.